

TILTING AT WINDMILLS



In what might be called a corollary of Don't Say Anything Bad About The Good Guys, liberal friends tell me I shouldn't say the Sandinistas are communists because it will encourage the Reaganites to aid the contras. Let me make clear that, while I don't like the Sandinistas, I don't like the contras either. They are no improvement. In fact they're probably worse.

So I think the administration is wrong to help them.

In carrying out its anti-Sandinista mission the administration is also up to no good in Honduras. The CIA played a decisive role in the removal of General Walter Lopes Reyes from his post as commander of the Honduran armed forces. The CIA, according to a dispatch from Reuters, the British news service, "backed a group of right-wing officers who pressured him into resigning and sought to isolate a group of junior officers who wanted Honduras to take a more independent line from the United States." The administration has been using Honduras as a colonial launching pad for contra attacks on Nicaragua and was outraged that the Hondurans would object....

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